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Our Mission Statement: The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

April 29, 2012, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

It was not easy to believe in eternal life or in the resurrection of Jesus. Matthew wrote that “some of his disciples were full of doubts” and Mark stated that “they were stubborn and did not believe those who had seen him alive.” Luke added that “the women told his disciples that Jesus was alive, but they thought: “It is nonsense!” They were foolish, blind and slow to believe. John mentioned several times that “their doors were locked.”

Their doubt was only natural because they saw Jesus dying and were therefore disappointed. Maybe they were disappointed by Jesus and God and themselves. Was Jesus really the savior? Why did he die so brutally? Why didn't God protect him? Where was God when Jesus was crucified? Did we do enough to help Jesus? Was it not urgent to protest louder against the religious authorities? Why didn't we organize more people to be with Jesus? Why were we such cowards at the Roman court? Many questions, and I am sure that they had a guilty conscience.

The women were the first to witness the resurrection. They did not flee and stayed with Jesus through his suffering and death. It is important to note that this is not a contradiction: If you stay with a person who is suffering and dying, it's easier to believe in the resurrection!

Another important issue: Some say that those who saw Jesus alive had only a vision. In the words of today's Gospel they saw a Ghost, a spirit! But Jesus was Jesus in flesh and bones; he ate some fish.

We as Christians believe in the resurrection of the body! Not only our souls or some parts of our identity will be saved by God. All what we are, our whole identity, body, story, relationships, mind, heart, soul, skin, will be part of the resurrection! Many people believe in the resurrection of the soul, but for us Christians it is not enough. Jesus was a human being of flesh and soul. And through him and with him and in him, everything was filled with holiness. Even the material is filled with his spirit! In the Book of Wisdom you can read the wonderful words: God loves everything on our earth, because he is the lover of life! (Wisdom 11, 23-26). It is clear that there will be a change of our world, and our lives, but it will be a change and not a destruction of the old world.

Fr. Ludger Hillebrand SJ

**All Saints Spring Family Bazaar on
Saturday, May 5th from 9 am to 3 pm**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 22 attendance: 89

Collection: Friends €187.48, Catholic Day Care Centers €8.23

Welcome to our 10 am Mass at All Saints. Our Celebrant today is Fr Clemens Pfaff

Lector: Johannes Ploog • Eucharistic Ministers: Beate Hausmann, Heide Doblhofer, Renée Menjares •
Altar Servers: Niels Waliszewski, Dylan Schmidt • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf •
Hospitality: Rose Oruga

Collection today is designated for All Saints.

- If you are **visiting All Saints for the first time**, please introduce yourself at the end of Mass so we can welcome you, and join us for coffee and cake after Mass in the Community Hall!
- We will be holding our annual **All Saints Spring Family Bazaar** on SATURDAY, MAY 5th from 9 am to 3 pm. We will need your help at the coffee and cake stand. A space costs €10 + 1 cake/pack of coffee. Please bring your own table and sign up in the Office.
- The **Boy Scouts** will be selling chili to help offset the costs of the **2013 Jamboree**. Please stop by and get yourself a bowl of chili!
- We will be praying the **Rosary** on Sunday, 6th May at 9:30 before Mass.
- We pray for **Maddie McCann** who was 4 when she disappeared from her parents' holiday apartment in Portugal five years ago.
- Please continue to donate to All Saints by using the **white envelopes** stamped **ALL SAINTS FUND** and/or transferring your donation to the Pax-Bank account printed below. We are completely **dependent** upon your donations. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please take this copy of the bulletin and use it to spread the word about All Saints.

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May 6th 10 am Mass. Our Celebrant will be Pfr Herbert Gillessen

Lector: Ruby Schmidt • Eucharistic Ministers: Heide Doblhofer, Beate Hausmann, Levina Menjares •
Altar Servers: Isabella Gneist, Dennis Loebach • Greeters: Hasmin Quiming, Konrad Giersdorf •
Hospitality: Rückeis Family

Collection on May 6th is designated for Pro Vita.

Celebrants		Father Wolfgang Felber SJ Fathers of the Jesuit Community	
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	Greeters, Family Group	Konrad Giersdorf	797 83 709
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ALL SAINTS COUNCIL: Konrad Giersdorf (Co-Chair) * Vanessa Hansen (Co-Chair) * Rudolf Hausmann * Nora Loebach * Tamás Meggyes * Marianne Sihotang

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Boy Scout Troop 46: All Saints is the proud Chartered Organization for Boy Scout Troop 46 "Freedom Outpost." *True to Scouting Values for Over 55 years* (www.troop46berlin.ScoutLander.com)

Access to All Saints:

Subway: U 3, Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or S 1, Zehlendorf, then bus.

Bus: Bus 285: stop Am Waldfriedhof (last stop, 2-min. walk); Bus M11: stop Oskar-Helene-Heim (10-min. walk) or Bus 115: stop Hüttenweg (5-min. walk),

Car: Via Clayallee (<http://berlinonline.de/citymap>). Currently, **no access** from the A115 **Avus highway**.

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